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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 10TH 1909.

CHINESE indifference stood out in Hongkong yesterday in strange contrast to British anxiety. By instructions received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies all the local celebrations which had been arranged in honour of the King's birthday—the public holiday, the parade and review of troops, the official dinner, the big Ball at Government House and other minor celebrations—were all postponed till the 25th inst. because the 9th inst. had been chosen for the obsequies of the late Dowager Empress of China. Doubtless this signal expression of British friendship and sympathy is appreciated by the Chinese Government, but we cannot help contrasting this kindly solicitude with the fact that, so far as the three hundred and fifty thousand Chinese who live in Hongkong are concerned, there was yesterday no outward and visible sign of mourning to be seen anywhere. When the late Emperor was buried many Chinese firms as a mark of respect closed their shops. Yesterday there was no suspension of business by the Chinese in the Colony, not even for a single hour, and the theatres and other places of amusement remained open. Much of this must have been true of Canton also, for no announcements have been made of any arrangements for observing the day at Canton as a time of mourning. Some years ago the newspapers of Canton were in the habit of suspending publication on the occasion of the late

Empress Dowager's birthday, as well as on the occasion of the birthday of the Emperor, but they ceased to pay this tribute to the Dowager-Empress in her late years. The same distinction has been made in regard to the funerals of the monarchs. There were many signs of public mourning in Canton when the late Emperor was interred, but the newspapers of the Southern Capital have exhibited the utmost unconcern with regard to the arrangements for the funeral of the late Dowager Empress, and the statement has been made to us by Chinese who should know, that it is extremely doubtful whether one Chinese in a hundred in South China, outside the Yansens, know that the great State funeral was taking place at Peking yesterday. All this adds point to the questions which the Hon. Mr. MURRAY STUART proposes to ask in the Legislative Council to-morrow. We do not, of course, yet know whether it is really a fact, as suggested in the first question, that the postponement of the King's Birthday celebrations was ordered by the Secretary of State for the Colonies without any previous reference of the matter to, or consultation with, the Government of the Colony, but the semi-official statement that the postponement was in accordance with "confirmatory instructions" from the Secretary of State certainly suggests that only an affirmative reply to Mr. STUART's first question is to be expected. "Confirmatory" instructions seem to suggest that there were original instructions, and not a request for advice. It was not more than about twelve months ago that the Unofficial Members of Council very properly protested against similar action on the part of the Secretary of State in connection with the closing of the opium divans, and it is much to be regretted that the necessity for a renewed protest has so soon arisen. The questions the Hon. Mr. STUART proposes to ask on the subject give careful expression to sentiments which are, we believe, widely entertained in the Colony. Nobody takes up the attitude that this Colony should not under any circumstances have postponed the celebrations; the objection is principally as to the manner in which this has been done. It does not need to be stated that had there been any evidence of intention among the Chinese of the Colony, or in the neighbouring city of Canton, to make the occasion of the funeral of the late Dowager Empress a day of mourning, the Colonial Government and the British community would have spontaneously avoided any celebration of the King's birthday which would have been out of harmony with the observance of mourning. Of that we are confident. But seeing that the occasion has been allowed to pass unobserved in any form or manner by the Chinese in the Colony—as well as, apparently, by the people of South China generally except by the officials—the contrast between British anxiety and Chinese indifference is indeed striking. Had the instructions from Downing Street been confined to the postponement of the celebrations at the Legation in Peking and in the Treaty ports of China it would have been perfectly intelligible, but the circumstances scarcely warranted the issue of instructions to the British Colony of Hongkong any more than to the Straits Settlements, where the King's Birthday, we understand, was celebrated on the due date.

A Chinese barber was knocked down by tramcar No. 30 at Test-tai-mai on Monday night and removed to hospital badly injured. It is reported that the late Grand Conqueror Chang Chih-ting only left Tsai 1,800 in cash when he died, while he owed a certain bank over 30,000 taels.

On Monday morning a Chinese was found in the coolie quarters at the south face of the Beacon Hill tunnel with his head battered in and his body severely bruised. Indications point to murder.

A native who was arrested by Sergeant Macdonald at Yau-mai was charged before Mr. E. B. Hallifax at the Magistracy yesterday with returning from banishment, found guilty, and sentenced to six months' imprisonment and six hours' stocks.

Inspector Collett charged a native before Mr. J. E. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday with returning from banishment and with larceny from 4, Stanley Terrace and 2, Sea View Terrace. Defendant pleaded guilty to two of the charges, and the hearing was adjourned.

Mr. A. Jackson, the advance agent of Byssok's Hippodrome Circus, has returned to Hongkong, and is arranging for the Circus tent to be pitched at Causeway Bay for a series of performances before going South. We are informed that the Circus has done well in the Philippines, and with the new attractions now in the programme the management anticipates similar success during their brief return visit to Hongkong. Mr. Abel, the veteran director of the Circus, has accompanied Mr. Jackson to Hongkong.

Lieut.-Col. C. C. Wrigley, A.O.D., Chief Ordnance Officer at Chatham, has been appointed Senior Ordnance Officer in South China.

A Spaniard named Honorato Apetagina Pascual, who is stated in the Manila papers to have been running a cinematograph show in Hongkong, is charged with attempting to smuggle 17 kilos of opium into the Philippines. He has been released on a cash bail of P. 1,000 pending the trial.

It is reported that the Korean Household will present a sum of Y. 100,000 to the family of the late Prince Ito besides making a grant of Y. 30,000 as a contribution toward the funeral expenses. At the Korean Court during his lifetime the late Prince was given the treatment of a Prince of the Blood, and the proposed allowance are said to be in consideration of this honour.

On Monday night a number of detectives in charge of Chief Detective Inspector Hanson raided 254, Queen's Road Central and 44, Bonham Strand, places alleged to be common gaming houses. The police seized a printing plant which is supposed to have been used for the printing of lottery tickets, and a number of Lokwai lottery tickets. They also arrested fourteen men and one woman, who will probably be charged at the Magistracy to-day.

The marriage of Mr. H. B. Graybill, M.A., of the Christian College, Canton, to Miss Susan T. Griggs, took place a week ago at Shanghai. Both the contracting parties are American. Miss Griggs having just arrived from the States. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Stuart in presence of a few friends, and before Mr. J. I. Viney, representing the American Consulate-General. The bride was given away by Mr. R. W. Stafford, with whom and Mr. Stafford she travelled to Shanghai. They came down from Shanghai by the Taisei Maru, which arrived at Hongkong yesterday.

A native of Tsingtau has recently invented a machine which, it is stated, is likely to revolutionise the straw-braid industry. The manipulation of the apparatus is extremely simple, and it is said that one person can turn out twelvefold more with this machine than by hand. A newspaper representative before whom experiments were made states that the manufacture, especially of the fine braids, runs very smoothly, while the cheaper and coarser grades do not seem to be so satisfactory. Machines are now being made in Germany, and if the expectations of the inventor are fulfilled, Tsingtau, it is said, may become the world's manufacturing emporium for straw braid.

A Cantonese interpreter named Chung Ming-ling, employed in the office of the Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Co., was charged at the Mixed Court last week at Shanghai with stealing various sums of money amounting to \$300 during the past two months, and also with forging the name of V. Davies and thereby obtaining a similar amount. It was stated in evidence that suspicions in regard to the same were aroused by a customer writing to ask why he had not received a receipt for a payment he had made. Enquiries were instituted at the Post Office and these established the guilt of the accused, who had been six years a clerk in the Hongkong Police, a teacher in the Canton Guild School at Shanghai, employed at the Netherlands Consulate-General and in the office of a French lawyer. He had been stealing registered letters and opening them, and by forging the name of Mr. Davies had been able to obtain payment. The prisoner confessed to having converted a sum of \$300 to his own use in this way, and was sent to prison for a year.

Lieut. James H. Stewart, Jun., while out swimming off Polino Point, near Manila, encountered a large shark. He tried to frighten it away, but the shark after a momentary disappearance rose right under him and seized him by the calf of the leg and carried the victim below. The report adds: "With the water strangling him he struggled for life against the big brute, striking it in the head with his other foot and with his fists. In this way he finally, with a supreme effort, tore himself loose, leaving the muscles of his leg in the maw of the shark. Striking out with all his might he swam to the surface and headed for the shore. The shark, satisfied with its 'pound of flesh' did not follow him. On reaching shore he was in an exhausted condition. He tore up some of his clothes and bound up his injured leg as best he could to stay the flow of blood, and then made for town to seek such surgical assistance as might be at hand. All that could be done was done for him, and he was brought to the Civil Hospital at Manila, where when the last mail left he was reported to be lying in a dangerous condition."

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- 9. Waltz.
- 10. Two Step.
- 11. Waltz.
- 12. Two Step.
- 13. Waltz.
- 14. Eightsome Reel.
- 15. Folk.
- 16. Strathgarry and Reel.
- 17. Highland Schottische.
- 18. Caledonians.
- 19. Eightsome Reel.
- 20. Waltz.
- 21. Two Step.
- 22. Waltz and Galop.

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STRAITS ATTORNEY-GENERAL KNIGHTED.

SINGAPORE, November 9th.

The Hon. Walter John Napier, Attorney-General since 1907, has been knighted on his retirement.

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GERMANY'S FOREIGN POLICY.

LONDON, November 9th.

Herr Bernstorff, the German Ambassador to Washington, addressing the Academy of Science at Philadelphia, defined Germany's foreign policy as purely commercial and without territorial ambitions. Germany was the first on the side of America on the occasion of the new departure in Chinese affairs, and proved always ready to adhere to the policy of the open door even at the expense of sacrificing some temporary advantages.

KING'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS.

LONDON, November 9th.

The King's Birthday honours have been announced.

Colonel Seely, Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, and Admiral Sir Edward Seymour have been made Privy Counsellors.

Dr. Robertson Nicol, the Editor of the "British Weekly," Lieutenant Shackleton, the Arctic explorer, and the Hon. Walter John Napier, D.C.L., recently Attorney-General in the Straits Settlements, are among those who have been knighted.

Sir Frank Swettenham, Governor of the Straits Settlements from 1901 to 1904, has received the Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, and the Hon. Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G., Hongkong, has been made a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

THE BUDGET.

LONDON, November 9th.

The House of Lords has formally passed the first reading of the Finance Bill.

KING MANUEL IN SPAIN.

LONDON, November 9th.

King Manuel has arrived at Madrid. He drove to the Palace accompanied by King Alfonso.

THE VETO OF THE LORDS.

LONDON, November 9th.

The House of Lords has rejected the London Elections Bill, making London a single parliamentary borough.

CANADA'S NAVAL PROGRAMME.

LONDON, November 9th.

An Ottawa message states that the Canadian Cabinet has decided that a Naval Bill shall be introduced this session providing for the construction of three second-class cruisers and four destroyers.

AUDIT OF CROWN AGENTS' ACCOUNTS.

Replying in the House of Commons to Mr. Giamel (Westminster, N. Nat.), Colonel Seely said: "The accounts of the office and reserve funds of the Crown Agents are audited by the Comptroller and Auditor-General under section 35 of the Exchequer and Audit Department Act, 1866. The ordinary staff of his office is employed for this purpose. A sum of £120 per annum is charged to the office fund for this audit and brought to account under Class II, Vote 14. Appropriations in Aid. The audit, like all other audits, is ordinarily based on the accounts and documents relating thereto submitted for audit. No case of any secret commission or other illicit consideration passing in connection with the transactions of the Crown Agents has come to the knowledge of the Comptroller and Auditor-General."

SIR FRANCIS MAY.

COLONIAL SECRETARY HONOURED.

The whole community will join us in congratulating the Hon. Mr. F. H. May, Colonial Secretary, on the honour which has just been conferred upon him by His Majesty King Edward. It is the only honour which has come to Hongkong in connection with the present Royal birthday, but no one will deny that it has been well bestowed, as the new knight's twenty-eight years record in the Colony is one of useful and meritorious service. Sir Francis Henry May, K.C.M.G.—to give him his new title—is, as most people know, a son of Ireland, being the fourth son of the late Hon. G. A. O. May, Lord Chief Justice of Ireland. Educated at Harrow and Trinity College, Dublin, he took his B.A. degree in 1881, and was appointed a Hongkong cadet the same year. Five years later saw him Acting Registrar General, and in 1887 he was Acting Assistant Colonial Secretary. In 1891 he obtained the appointment of Assistant Colonial Secretary, during which time he was also engaged as private secretary to H.E. the Governor, Sir W. Des Voeux. After acting as Colonial Treasurer he was appointed Captain Superintendent of Police in 1893, and in 1900 he became Acting Colonial Secretary, receiving the substantive appointment in 1902. Since that time he has acted on several occasions as Officer Administering the Government.

This reference would be incomplete were congratulations not also extended to Lady May, who has proved herself not only a worthy helpmate, but one who is beloved by all who have come under the influence of her genial presence.

THE NINTH OF NOVEMBER.

Yesterday the warships in the harbour half-masted the Chinese flag on the occasion of the burial of the Empress Dowager of China, but beyond that there were practically no signs of mourning. Several of the local Chinese guilds had assembled to consider what steps should be taken to mark the solemn event, but it was generally regarded that the subject had been mooted too late. So nothing was done.

There was no business at the Supreme Court yesterday, no cases having been fixed for the day.

By inadvertence a telegram relating to the King's birthday which appeared in our yesterday's issue was dated from London instead of Shanghai.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE "WHITE SLAVE" TRAFFIC.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—I gather from the columns of the Daily Press that the Hongkong Police have at last taken measures to put a stop to the public solicitation by European prostitutes in the principal streets of our city. This is indeed a step in the right direction, but until something of a more drastic character has been introduced for the suppression of this shameless traffic Hongkong will ever be the dumping ground of the unfortunate demi-monde who has incurred the displeasure of the authorities of other Far Eastern ports. The fair fame of Hongkong is being badly smirched by these night owls. Even the principal hotels, doubtless quite innocently, are not immune, and it is a matter for regret that in a place like Hongkong, where legitimate amusement is scarce enough in all conscience, respectable people in their desire for a little relaxation cannot visit a cinematograph exhibition without having to rub shoulders with these drops of humanity. The writer is not a prude. Indeed to some extent he sympathises with these weaker vessels; but *nuncquam posui non esse virtutis locus*. Other British communities have been able to a great extent to solve the difficulty, and the writer commends to the serious attention of the Hongkong authorities the measures adopted by Bombay, Calcutta, Rangoon and Singapore. There the unfortunate sisterhood is to all intents and purposes, segregated and confined to a certain district, and condign punishment is meted out to those who, in defiance of the law, solicit in the streets. Surely a similar mode of procedure might be introduced into Hongkong, where the writer has reason to know that latterly not only Europeans but Chinese have been subjected to the solicitations of these unfortunate women whose mental obliquity constitutes a danger and a disgrace. Even China controls such matters differently, and for the good name and fair fame of England's principal Far Eastern possession it is surely time that strenuous efforts be put forth to rid Hongkong of the stigma of openly countenancing a practice that renders our principal thoroughfare impalpable to respectable British matrons.

AMICUS HUMANI GENERIS.

[Other letters of similar purport have been received.—ED.]

CRICKET.

The match arranged to have taken place yesterday between the Hongkong Club and the United Services was not played.

INTERNATIONAL LAW ON BILLS OF EXCHANGE.

At the sitting of the Royal Commission on International Private Law, at The Hague on the 18th inst., M. Asser, the president, stated that the projected conference to draw up international regulations regarding bills of exchange would probably meet at The Hague in June, 1910. Thirty-one States had already promised to take part in it, but in the case of 14 no reply had yet been received. The circular letter sent out by the Dutch Government to the other Powers had been favourably received, and was unanimously considered to be an excellent basis for the work of the conference.

CANTON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

8th November.

DELIBERATIVE COUNCIL'S OFFICES. The grand building, which is to be the office and meeting place of the Deliberative Council is in course of construction just outside the East Gate. The land opposite to the site is owned by a Manchurian, who has begun to erect some small houses thereon, thus detracting from the dignity of the Council's building. The members of Council appealed to the Tartar General, and the offending Manchu has been ordered to cease his building operations and to remove the material without delay. It has been further suggested to the owner that the Government would think him a very generous person if he were to present the land to the authorities.

PRISON OUTBREAK.

Some time ago there was an outbreak among the criminals confined in the Shun Tak Prison. A large number escaped and terrorised the neighbourhood. The authorities have, however, been successful in re-capturing nearly all these rascals. The galens of the prison were taken to Canton for trial and found guilty of gross negligence. They were sentenced to two years' imprisonment and the case was reported to the Viceroy. The Viceroy questioned the Provincial Judge as to whether he considered that there was any other cause for the outbreak beyond the carelessness of the warders, but the Judge considered the blame to be due to that cause only. The offending galens have been condemned to serve their time in the very prison of which they formerly had charge.

CHEAP OIL.

Reports from Kwong Sai state that the crop of ground nuts is a remarkably good one this year, and not for twenty years have such good results been obtained. Ground nut oil has been somewhat dear lately and the merchants have reached a good harvest of profit, but the price is already falling and before long it will be lower still. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said of rice, which seems to be for ever on the rise. Rightly or wrongly the merchants attribute the high price to the recent storms which are reported to have destroyed very large quantities of the growing grain.

TRIAD SOCIETY.

In the district outside the East Gate there are very many persons belonging to that brotherhood known as the "Sham Hop Wai," or Triad Society. This fraternity, which has for its ostensible reason of existence the overthrow of the reigning dynasty and the restoration of the Ming, is in reality but too often a brotherhood of thieves. On Saturday more than ten were arrested near Sa Ho. They at once confessed to being members of the league, but protested that they had committed no robberies. Being further questioned, they said that the sole reason for joining the society was that the locality contained so many members of it, that the only means of preserving one's safety was in joining this fraternity.

CUTTING DOWN EXPENSES.

For many years the clerks attached to the Viceroy's Yamen have been in receipt of a gratuity for their hire. The Viceroy has ordered that this shall be no longer paid. He says that these men have a sufficient salary and that if they wish to ride in chairs they must do so at their own expense, and if they do not choose to pay, they must walk.

POTTERY-MARKERS ON STRIKE.

In the Nam Ho District there is a little town called Shek Wan that is greatly noted for its excellent pottery. The workers lately went out on strike, the reason being that becoming too greedy in their demands for more pay the masters dismissed many of them and employed female workers. The strike speedily grew into a riot and the assistance of the authorities was asked for. Deputy Kan called both sides to a conference and a compromise was agreed to. The women were dismissed and the men taken on at the old rate of pay. Work was then resumed.

DANGER ON THE RIVER.

The attention of the Water Police has been called to the over-crowded state of many of the passenger junks. From time to time serious accidents happen and the crowded state of the vessels makes the loss of life very great. The presence of steam launches is another source of danger, as these vessels rush up and down the river as if the place belonged to them and seemingly having no care as to whether they run anyone down or not. Only yesterday a sampan was knocked to pieces by one of them, and last night a boat in which the writer was crossing the river was within an ace of being run down by a launch which was tearing along with only one small light about the size of that of a farthing dip. It would be to the credit of the Water Police to see that a slower rate of speed is maintained while travelling on the crowded reaches near the City.

THE WEATHER.

After several days of bitter winds and biting cold, warm weather has again set in and to-day is as warm as any day in the summer. No wonder that many persons are suffering from colds and kindred evils!

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS

The C.P.R. str. *Empress of Japan* arrived at Vancouver on the 5th inst., at 2 p.m.
The I.G.M. str. *Prinz Ludwig*, carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 20th ultimo, left Colombo on the 7th instant p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 18th instant.
The F. & O. str. *Scythia* is expected to arrive at Colombo on the 18th instant, at daylight.
The C.P.R. str. *Empress of China* arrived at Shanghai at 8.30 p.m. on the 8th inst., and left again at 8 a.m. on Tuesday for Nagasaki, where she is due to arrive at 2 p.m. on the 10th inst.
The C.P.R. str. *Montezuma* arrived at Yokohama at 7.30 a.m. on the 9th inst., and left again at 2 p.m. same day for Kobe, where she is due to arrive at 6 p.m. on the 10th inst.

SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday at the Board Room. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe presided, and there were present: Hon. Mr. P. N. H. Jones (Vice-President), Hon. Mr. E. A. Howett, Hon. Mr. A. W. Brown (Registrar-General), Colonel Bedford, B.A.M.C., Mr. Shelton Hooper, Mr. Lau Chu Pak, Mr. Clark (Medical Officer of Health), Dr. Pearce (A.M.O.H.) and Mr. W. Bowen Rowlands (Secretary).

THE COLONIAL CEMETERY.

A temporary map of the Colonial Cemetery was forwarded to the Board with the explanation that it was not advisable to prepare a new map until the Board had indicated the various sections for old residents, etc.

Mr. SHELTON HOOPER mentioned—I think the Government should be asked to send the Board the plan of the Cemetery showing the area it is proposed to dedicate, for any observations the Board may wish to make.

Hon. Mr. HEWITT—I altogether object to the division made between residents, seven years' residents, and twenty years' residents. We are all equal when in the cemetery.

The PRESIDENT said he made a misstatement when he said there was no map of the Colonial Cemetery. When he looked up the papers he found a map which was serving the purpose of a map of the Colonial Cemetery until such time as the new Ordinance was passed.

In reply to Mr. Hooper's remarks, he wished to point out that he had been given to understand the whole of the cemetery, and was to be dedicated. The Bill was already in the committee stage before the Legislative Council, but if there was any serious point to which the Board wished to draw attention they could apply to have the matter stopped in order that members could discuss it.

Mr. HOOPER said he had no wish whatever to stop the legislation, but a fortnight ago he asked for the information and the meeting of the Council would be held to-morrow. The President had just informed members that the whole cemetery, with the exception of the Japanese portion, was dedicated, but the speaker did not know what that meant.

Where the Japanese were buried inter-spaces were occupied by Europeans. He had no wish to delay the legislation because he thought it was really necessary that it should go through, as it had been hanging on for a long time. But as the Government had not committed the Board in the matter, and as the President had got the assurance from the Government that only the Japanese portion was to be excluded, he would like to call the attention of the Government to the remarks he had just made and ask them what they proposed to do where Japanese were intermingled with Europeans.

The PRESIDENT said the map took in, as far as he had seen, the whole of the hillside where the Japanese were buried. He was not aware that Europeans and Japanese were buried together.

Mr. HOOPER asked if members could see the map.

When the map was produced Mr. HOOPER said it was impossible to follow it, as it was useless for the purpose for which it was wanted. The discussion then ended.

MONUMENTS IN THE CEMETERY.

An application was submitted for two grave spaces in the old residents' section of the Colonial Cemetery for the purpose of erecting a monument thereon.

Mr. LAU CHU PAK mentioned—I don't see any reason why this should not be granted.

The PRESIDENT said the application was made by the relatives of the late Mr. Choo Leep Choo for two grave spaces—one on either side of the grave—on which to erect a monument. The matter was already adjourned from the last meeting. Mr. Choo Leep Choo was not buried in the old residents' section, but in the ordinary section where burials took place at present.

Mr. HOOPER moved that the application be not granted. He did so because the question of reserving spaces in the Colonial Cemetery had been fully thrashed out within the last four or five months, when the Board came to the conclusion that they had no power to sell grave spaces unless they were to be occupied immediately; that was to say, no one could be granted a grave space for the burial of a person who was living to-day. If that were illegal surely it would be illegal to allow people to reserve two spaces simply for the purpose of erecting a monument over one grave. Were that application granted, the applicants would be in possession of two unoccupied grave spaces, and there being no sanitary objection any of their relatives would be entitled to be buried there. At the time the speaker pointed out that when a person was buried in a certain area there might be applications made later by relatives for burials to be made side by side if there was grave space, and he suggested that that might be allowed. But to erect monuments which would interfere with the intervening spaces was illegal, and he could not see, unless the Board wished to stultify itself, how they could grant the present application. He would ask the Board to seriously consider whether, having only six or seven hundred spaces in that cemetery, they should deprive themselves of grave spaces.

Hon. Mr. HEWITT seconded the proposal on the ground principally that spaces in the Colonial Cemetery were very limited, and he did not think any necessity had been shown why this particular family should be allowed three grave spaces for only one body.

The REGISTRAR-GENERAL—I don't think we have power to grant this request.

The PRESIDENT—I am afraid not, after having refused in the recent case of a captain to grant spaces to be allotted to those who are living at present.

COLONEL BEDFORD—Is there no means of getting this rule rescinded? It is beyond our powers, I presume.

The PRESIDENT—It is beyond our power to grant grave spaces to living persons.

COLONEL BEDFORD—It seems a very exceptional and harsh measure. I know of no other place where such a rule exists.

The PRESIDENT—It exists here on account of the limited available space, and each terrace costs an enormous amount.

COLONEL BEDFORD—As a matter of course the time will come when the cemetery will have to be enlarged.

Hon. Mr. HEWITT—It cannot be enlarged. COLONEL BEDFORD—Then another cemetery must be provided. As long as there is life and death we must make provision for people who die.

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HOME AND CHINA AFFAIRS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, October 20th.

MR. DYER BELL.

Mr. J. Dyer Bell, who retired on pension from Hongkong about two years ago, has been devoting himself to literary work ever since. He has taken up his residence on the northern outskirts of London. I understand that he has completed the manuscript of another book on China, and it is to be hoped he will soon find a publisher for it. No one has a more intimate knowledge of certain phases of Chinese life and character than Mr. Bell, and provided his book is published at an opportune moment, when public interest has been aroused in Chinese affairs, it ought to have a ready sale. Perhaps the measures China is taking to create a constitutional system will provide this opportunity. It is a pity Mr. Bell's services are not utilised for the teaching of Chinese at home of the leading seats of learning in this country.

It is interesting to note that Mr. A. D. Bell, Mr. Dyer Bell's oldest son, who represented his University (Oxford) last season on going up from Mill Hill School as a Freshman, this year captained Oxford's Hockey team. He is destined, I believe, for the Civil Service, and should be successful in his examinations will probably elect to serve in India.

THE CRANE AFFAIR.

The breakdown of the arrangement whereby President Taft planned to establish a "business man" in the diplomatic position of Minister to China has given amusement to many on this side of the Atlantic who have had dealings with unconventional American representatives abroad. There is sympathy, too, for Mr. Crane, who, accustomed to the business life of Chicago, where publicity is the very breath of enterprise, took the President at his word when he told him to make his advocacy of China "red hot," and forthwith went out and made speeches giving frank warnings to Japan that she had not reached her limit of aggression. The whole situation is very American, for nowhere else than in that country could public men be got to talk for publication with such unconcern for the future, or such ignorance of the train of events that might be set in motion by unguarded statements. On this side we have had many funny experiences with similar men. Every capital in Europe has stories of American "diplomats" and their free and easy ways. I have personally met some of those whose social sayings and doings would make a laughable book, but one example will suffice. A newly-appointed Minister to Holland called on the Queen-Mother, who was Regent at that time. Making himself quite at home he presently began to survey the pictures on the walls and, pointing to one of Queen Wilhelmina, he said, "Your little girl, I suppose, 'm'am?"

The Queen Mother replied in the affirmative, whereupon the Minister ruffled the Court circle by remarking, "Wal, I must say, she's a mighty fine child."

THE COMING GENERAL ELECTION.

The advance of the General Election and the conflicts that are incidentally arising as to naval and other lines of policy are giving rise to rumours without end. One of them was to the effect that Mr. Lloyd George was about to resign the Chancellorship of the Exchequer; another that Sir John Fisher was about to retire from the Admiralty. In both cases, doubtless, the wish was father to the thought, but details were speedily forthcoming. Some of the friends of the First Naval Lord are anxious that he should lay aside his armour and take a penance, but I hear that when he does give up office he is more likely to stand for the House of Commons as a Liberal candidate in some country constituency.

THE NEW ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION.

Our Antarctic expedition under Captain Scott has been advanced a stage by the meeting at the Mansion House, at which it was explained that for the equipment and despatch of the expedition £40,000 was necessary. Captain Scott pointed out that the Discovery expedition cost £92,000, but of this sum £51,000 was expended on building the ship, the balance keeping the expedition going for three and a quarter years. In this new expedition it is believed they would need to spend £12,000 of their £40,000 on purchasing a ship and the sum would cover one year's work, but with the co-operation of the dominions overseas he hoped it would be possible to carry on the work for a second and, if necessary, a third season. In such expeditions British explorers had been pre-eminently, and it was his ambition to complete the work to which Sir Clements Markham awakened the country ten years ago. Adding a personal note, Captain Scott said that since the Discovery expedition he had commanded a first-class cruiser and three battleships and at present he was employed at the Admiralty. If he wished a comfortable life he would stay there, but as a matter of fact he could not sit still and see this expedition fall through. Sir Connar Doyle made a stirring appeal for Britons to aid in hoisting the British flag at the South Pole, especially after the disappointment that, despite the great efforts of British explorers in Polar regions, another nation should have captured the North Pole. If anyone could do this work in the Antarctic, Scott was the man, and when he made his dash in sledges across the ice fields the hope of all England would be with him. The subscription list was opened briskly after that, Sir Edward Speyer commencing with a thousand pounds.

NEW P. & O. STEAMSHIP.

The Glasgow Herald states that the P. & O. are preparing specifications and will soon invite tenders for two more liners for the Far Eastern trade. No further information is yet available, but there is a report that among other things the Company is determined to extend the refrigerated trade in Eastern meats, despite the outcry against Chinese pork and the discovery

that nine per cent. of the carcasses were affected by tuberculosis.

AMERICAN DUTIES.

I hear that the United Cigar Company of America has shipped a million cigars back to the Philippines so that they may be sent direct to San Francisco again, and so escape the duty. On the last trip they were re-shipped at Hongkong and so came within the maw of the American tax collectors. By this long method of travel the company will have a very big freight bill to pay, but it will even then amount to less than the duty. But how about the damage by sea air and close hold which have as deleterious effect on cigars as the atmosphere of a phoaner has on tea? You cannot in this country now get tea like you could in the good old days of the sailing clippers.

Another fine example of how the American taxes work is afforded by the case of P. E. Chance, a millionaire of Honolulu. He had taken a foreign vessel at Honolulu to reach America, where his mother was dying. He had therefore to pay a penalty to the Japanese shipping company of four hundred dollars. He applied to the Washington authorities for a rebate of the amount, and sent in support a confirmatory statement of the Consul at Honolulu as to the reason for taking a foreign ship. Washington agreed to the rebate, till a collector at San Francisco found that the millionaire stayed a day or two at San Francisco before going on to the residence of his mother—he had received re-assuring news meanwhile—and the Government thereupon declined to allow the rebate.

RUSSIA AND THE EASTERN CHINA RAILWAY.

The heavy drain of the Eastern China railway upon the Russian finances has led the Government to dispatch M. Kokortsev, Minister of Finance, to the Far East to inquire into the working of the line with a view to reforming the organisation. Russians are disinclined to lay out any more money on the road, as they are convinced it will, sooner or later, fall into the hands of the Chinese.

COTTON GROWING IN THE BRITISH EMPIRE. A fresh effort is being made to encourage the growing of cotton within the British empire. Cotton spinners do not regard America as a sure source of supply any longer, for there is such rapid development of population and demand for cotton fabrics in the United States that Lancashire factories have often to work short time. Already about 30,000 bales of cotton are being grown annually in the British Empire, but that is too small an amount to influence the American market or even to impress Lancashire with the fact of new sources of supply. It will not be till the bales are counted by millions instead of thousands that the British cotton spinner can feel himself free from the effects of American speculation. The British Cotton Growing Association is therefore seeking more capital, and Sir Alfred Jones, of Eldon, Dumfriesshire and Co., has taken the lead by offering to subscribe £25,000, if another £150,000 is subscribed within six months. The Association has up to now spent just about £160,000 and has produced cotton of the value of two millions sterling. The enterprise has a considerable interest for the Far East in view of the coming keenness in competition between Lancashire and American manufactured cotton goods.

DISTRESS IN LONDON.

Some idea of the amount of distress which is existing in London among the labouring class at present may be gathered from a return of the cases of distress presented to the London County Council. In the last week of September of last year the free meals given to children under the educational authority numbered 5,612, whereas the same week this year brought the total to the enormous figure of 26,969, in spite of the fact that the regulations as to the distribution of meals are more strict this year than last. That they are not carried out strictly there has been plenty evidence, but still the situation is growing steadily worse and more drastic as well as children will have to be maintained by the public this winter.

A GRANDSON OF ROBERT BURNS.

Lovers of Burns the world over will be interested to hear that his grandson has been found working in London as a maker of tea urns. He is William Pykess, aged sixty-eight, and his mother was the only daughter of Burns' eldest son. He has worked for forty years in the same firm, but the trade is a deceiving one and he looks forward to the time when he can at last claim an old age pension. There is talk of a public fund by which Burns' readers will make the last days of the poet's grandson bright, as an acknowledgment of the pleasure they themselves have derived from the works of the famous bard. At present the only entertainment of William Pykess comes once a year, when he goes to the Burns Night at the Albert Hall.

THE BARRIE DIVORCE.

Another well-known Scottish man of letters, Mr. J. M. Barrie, has been through the waters of unpleasantness this week, for he has had to face the Divorce Court to obtain a divorce from his wife, who has abandoned her husband for a comparatively unknown man named Canman. The novelist sat pale and shy in the Court, but went through with one of his temperamental must have been a very distressing business very deliberately. He had tried to avoid the proceedings, he said, by offering to take his wife back if she would give up Canman, but she had refused. So the pair are divided for ever. Barrie is a confirmed recluse. Only to a chosen circle of personal friends is he accessible and to them he talks with much conversational charm. Barely does he go into public places, except to Lords, where he delights in watching a cricket match in summer. He has one privilege many people envy—the authorities have granted him a private key to Kensington Gardens that will admit him after the gates are

closed to the public. Here in the hours of the night he often walks, communing with himself and weaving those delightful phantasies that at length reach the public by way of the Press or the stage. His "Peter Pan," by the way, is again to be one of the chief of the Christmas plays for children, and it is notable, in this connection, that the old-fashioned pantomimes are disappearing, so far as London is concerned, before the numbers of fairy plays that have come into vogue.

THE AEROPLANE IN ENGLAND.

We have suddenly become a nation of aeroplane enthusiasts, with our great meetings at Blackpool and Doncaster, though the gusty weather we are having is dead against such enterprises at this stage in the development of aviation. The numerous small inventors have been immensely stimulated to work on models of airships, and I hear that any number of private workshops are scenes of great activity nightly as amateur constructors get to work on their ideas. Major Baden-Powell cannot be called an amateur, but he is one of the most active experimenters, and he seems likely to set the fashion for a new amusement—gliding. He has practised with machines a good deal on the Dagenham aviation ground in Essex, and has now in course of construction a machine that will be worked on gliders. These gliders are being made by half a dozen firms at a price such as used to be charged for a good bicycle. They run at a very small angle from the horizontal and it is, of course, possible, by putting an engine into a glider, to make it into a complete flying machine if the area is increased to bear the extra weight. I expect before long the pastime will be so popular that we shall be taking each other, "Do you glide?"

PASSION PLAY AT OBER AMMERGAU, 1910.

Extensive arrangements are being made for next year's representations of the Ober Ammergau Passion Play, which takes place every ten years. The building will be the same as in 1900, and the many of the performers in the representation of 1900 will fill the leading roles, and a committee will finally select the players. The representations will take place, weather permitting, on the following days:—May 11th (Grand Rehearsal) 16th, 22nd and 29th; June 6th, 12th, 19th, 26th and 29th; July 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 27th and 28th; August 10th, 17th, 24th, 27th and 28th; and September 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 27th and 28th. On each occasion, the play will last from 8 a.m. until 6.00 p.m., with two hours' interval. There will also (should weather permit and the attendance justify) be Supplemental Representations. All the seats are numbered and reserved. Messrs. Thos. Cook & Son, of Ludgate Circus, London, have been appointed Official Agents of the Passion Play Committee for countries outside Germany, and are making extensive arrangements for visitors, including accommodation in private houses, and offering facilities for booking to or from Ober Ammergau by all routes. Those wishing to secure accommodation, to include seats for the Representation, should book at Messrs. Thos. Cook & Son's offices at least one month or six weeks in advance. Tickets for seats alone will not be sold separately beforehand, but are allotted to those having lodgings in the village. Since 1900 many new houses have been built, and modern sanitation has been applied to many of the older houses. There is direct railway communication between Munich and Ober Ammergau.

THE CHINESE COIFFURE.

Early this month Prince Tsai Tso memorised the Prince Regent that the queue should be done away with on the ground that it was a heavy disadvantage to the health, and the case of Japan being cited in support of his Highness' argument. He further urged that to do away with the queue would give the people a much smarter appearance and give the people a much smarter appearance and give the people a much smarter appearance.

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WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—On the 8th at 5.50 p.m.—Bed South Cone hoisted.

On the 9th at 12.10 p.m.—The barometer has risen moderately in Luzon, and fallen slightly to moderately over the S. coast of China and Annam respectively.

The typhoon appears to be situated to the N.E. of the Paracels and to be moving towards W.N.W.

Pressure has increased over Japan and the N.E. coast of China, and given way over the East coast and in Vladivostok.

The high pressure area lies now to the E. of Japan, and a "low" area appears to be situated over E. Manchuria.

Bad weather may be expected over the N.W. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—Hongkong & Neighbourhood (*) N.E. winds, fresh.

Fernando Channel Same as No. 1.

South coast of China between Hongkong and Lanchow. N.E. gale.

South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. N.E. and E. winds, strong breezes to a moderate gale; cloudy, squally.

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THE CHAMPION STAKES.

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THE CHAMPION SWEEPSTAKES.—Value, Tls. 1,000. Second pony, Tls. 300. Third pony, Tls. 200. For all China ponies winners at this meeting. Weight for ponies as per scale. No entrance fee.—One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Saxo-Bornissia's brown Sagittarius 158 lb (Mr. Moller) 1

Mr. Baxey's ches. Spring Rose 155 lb (Mr. Poulson) 2

Mr. Baxey's black Little Gem Rose 152 lb (Mr. Burkill) 3

Mr. MacWatt's grey Ransley 158 lb (Mr. Cumming) 0

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Mr. Dick Turpin's bay Vespasian 155 lb (Mr. Springfield) 0

Mr. Ballhaus's ches. Fabulus 158 lb (Mr. Lawrence) 0

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The paddocks and stands were crowded when the candidates for championship honours went out and cantered up the course. The number of starters was twelve, and the keenest enthusiasm was displayed in the race. Little Gem Rose was the popular favourite, and it was confidently expected by many that Mr. Buxey's stable would win first and second places. Mr. Sinneraker had two ponies qualified and Sagittarius carried first colours. All the ponies that faced the starters had won two races at this meeting with the exception of Vespasian, Sagittarius, Fabulus, Marbles and Orrose. When the flag fell in front of the Grand Stand, Hankow went out and took charge of the race-making, followed by Fabulus, and a very bad start and pace. Kirkpatrick got a very bad start and pace. Kirkpatrick got a very bad start and pace. Kirkpatrick got a very bad start and pace.

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His Majesty's Treasury Office.

Hongkong, 8th November, 1909. [1403]

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Secretaria de Direção das Obras Publicas em Macau, 18 de outubro de 1909.

O Engenheiro Director.

A. P. DE MIRANDA GUEDES. [1404]

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DAVID WOOD,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th September, 1909. [1174]

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J. B. DOBIE, Agent. [1360]

Hongkong, 30th October, 1909.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG AND MANILA YUEN SHENG EXCHANGE AND TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 55, Bonham Street, West, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 15th day of November, 1909, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when the subjoined resolutions which were passed at the extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on the 15th day of October, 1909, will be submitted for confirmation as special resolutions:—

RESOLUTIONS.

That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following:—

(a) In Article 65 the word "Five" shall be substituted for the word "Twenty".

(b) In Article 86 the word "Three" shall be substituted for the word "Ten".

NG LI HING, General Manager. [1316]

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Hongkong, 1st November, 1909. [1364]

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NOTICE.

THE Partnership heretofore existing between Mr. L. M. ALVARES and Mr. J. M. ALVES and carried on under the style of "L. M. ALVARES & Co." was, by an Order of the Supreme Court of Hongkong, made on the 23rd day of October, 1909, dissolved as from that date, and the Undersigned was appointed Receiver for the purpose of winding up the business of the said partnership.

H. PERCY SMITH, F.C.A.,

Receiver of L. M. ALVARES & Co.

In Voluntary Dissolution.

5, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 3rd November, 1909. [1385]

NOTICE.

THE Firm of "L. M. ALVARES & Co." having been dissolved and my responsibility in respect of the said Firm having CEASED as from the 23rd day of October, 1909, except so far as may be necessary to wind up the affairs thereof,

I have THIS DAY established myself as a General Merchant and Commission Agent under the Firm Name of "J. M. ALVES & Co." and my Office will be temporarily at No. 6, Des Voux Road Central.

JOSE M. ALVES.

Hongkong, 3rd November, 1909. [1386]

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Hongkong, 17th April, 1907. [1152]

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Hongkong, 14th August, 1909. [1073]

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Hongkong, 5th November, 1909. [1388]

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Hongkong, 20th September, 1909. [911]

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Hongkong, 6th September, 1909. [1171]

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Hongkong, 8th June, 1906. [96]

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AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY.

Mr. Taft had not been long in the White House, writes the *Times* New York correspondent, before he made it clear that the position of the United States abroad was to be a matter of first consideration with him. No one was more emphatic on this point than his predecessor, Mr. Roosevelt; but Mr. Roosevelt was largely occupied in the preliminary work of educating public opinion and making the American people realize that they could not continue to dwell in splendid isolation from the rest of the world. It remained for Mr. Taft to lead the march along the road thus prepared, and he is setting a most energetic pace.

MR. TAFT AND THE FAR EAST.
Unlike other Presidents, Mr. Taft came into office with a personal knowledge of foreign peoples and affairs. He had lived in the Philippines for three years as Governor of the islands; he had had charge of the Panama Canal for four years and visited the isthmus more than once; he had been to Cuba to create order out of disorder—in the insurrection of 1906, he had been sent to Rome to negotiate the peace of 1907, the religious orders in the Philippines; and he had, a year before his election, paid a visit to Japan and China and returned home by way of Siberia and Europe. He was known as "the travelling member" of the Roosevelt Cabinet, and he certainly earned the title. Success attended all his missions, and he seemed to vanish before his gonorrhea, and he seemed to vanish before his gonorrhea, and he seemed to vanish before his gonorrhea.

Mr. Taft's methods are not spectacular. Hence there was no declaration of foreign policy, no pronouncement that the Administration intended to blaze a path for commerce in the Far East or South America. The first intimation that China was constantly in Mr. Taft's mind came indirectly through the Washington correspondents, who told us of the importance which the President attached to the Peking Legation and his painstaking search for a man of business to succeed Mr. Rockhill. Mr. Rockhill had distinguished himself at Peking as a diplomatist, and his transference to St. Petersburg caused some surprise until it was learned what Mr. Taft's aims were. Almost simultaneously with the appointment of Mr. Crane, the head of a great manufacturing concern in Chicago, came the American demand for a share in the Eschschman Railway Loan with all its long sequel of negotiations. The American Press quickly realized that here was an international affair involving national rights. There was a manifold endeavour to acquaint the American public with all niceties of diplomacy and the intricacies of railway concessions in the Asiatic Empire. "The American" behind it and the American Government behind it became the slogan of the new campaign. The Administration was convinced of the great political and commercial country, seized the moment for action, and wisely made the bankers of Wall-street play the game, which was at once in its own and their own interest.

In the attempt to show forth the United States as the sole sincere friend of China it was easy to confuse all the other Powers concerned and throw suspicion on all their motives. That was certainly not the Administration's idea. The Administration entered the field with perfectly clean hands and in the enjoyment of a full measure of Chinese confidence in account of its repayment of a good part of the Boxer indemnity. It was and is, therefore, in an exceptionally strong position, and naturally it is utilizing and will utilize the advantages to the full. Four dollar correspondents who lately visited the Far East has shown why they think that the United States is behind the American intervention in Chinese affairs, and it is safe to say that this Government relies on British co-operation in a policy whose aim is to help China to develop her resources in a way beneficial alike to herself and her helpers.

MR. CRANE ON CHINA.
No sooner was Mr. Crane appointed to the United States Legation in Peking than he began to outline to the Administration's reasons for energetic action in the Middle Kingdom. Speaking to the American Asiatic Association at a farewell dinner given to him here some weeks ago he quoted Mr. Taft's speech at Shanghai in 1907 to the effect that the United States does not covet China's territory nor regards her prosperity nor resent her independence and power, and he added in a passage which deserves to be quoted in full with a fine, strong body of opinion, and our powers of production calling for outside markets, we are singularly fortunate at this moment to have at the head of our Government one who understands so well the conditions existing around the Pacific, one who has so profound a sympathy for the people, struggling up toward the light, and one in whom these people have so much confidence.

"We believe that although China has great problems to solve, such as the administrative problem, the opium problem, she is perfectly capable of solving them all if she can be kept free from menace, and we also believe that if she increases in prosperity she will make a better market than if she deteriorates. Of course, in this development she will require much foreign material, and in a perfectly legitimate and friendly way Secretary Knox has determined that we shall have our share. When I was in China some thirty years ago the foreign business was largely in the hands of some few old American houses. They have not prospered much in recent years, but with the new outlook and the new interest we have here, I hope to see them get back to the former dominating position.

"There is no mystery or secrecy about my mission to the East. I go there under the simplest form of instructions from the President and from the Secretary of State to carry out the spirit of the Shanghai speech, and with a profound respect for and great confidence in the Chinese people, a great desire to serve well the people who send me so far, and pride in the spirit of the program to be carried out. Whatever is for the prosperity and benefit of the Chinese is the best thing for us."

In all this there is nothing at variance with British policy. Experience may be relied upon to correct the view that China can solve her tremendous problems without outside aid. Observers have already pointed out here that the Imperial Customs Service is the only department of the Chinese Government which can claim efficiency, and that that efficiency is due to Sir Robert Hart and his able fellow-workers.

"DWELLING OF THE VOID." TERRIBLE ADVENTURES OF ENGLISH EXPLORERS.

Early in the summer a few details reached England of the experiences of a British expedition which was turned out of Southern Arabia. These details were contained in a letter from Mr. G. W. Bury, the leader of the expedition. Mr. Bury has not yet returned to England, but his companion, Mr. P. E. L. Götting, gives (says Reuters) the first personal account of the undertaking.

The object of our party, said Mr. Götting, which comprised Mr. G. W. Bury and myself, was to penetrate into the unknown part of Southern Arabia known as the "Dwelling of the Void." The region is absolutely unknown to modern geographers, none of whom has succeeded in penetrating its mysteries. We were anxious to reach the buried cities in the interior, although the principal object of the journey was to make a natural history collection. When we arrived of the little fishing village of Irtka we sent our orderly Sareb ashore with a letter to the chief, who came out to us. Instead of really helping us he was conspiring with the interior chief of Haura to get us partly up country and leave us stranded.

Eventually we got away from Irtka with an escort of fifteen men and eight camels. We were both armed and wore turbans, as the people there declare that Christians only wear hats to hide their horns. On the following day the chief of Haura sent a messenger with a letter to say that he would not receive us at any price. Our whole caravan stopped, our boxes were dumped in the open desert, and we found what shelter we could under one tree. We got our camp into a state of defence and took it in turns to watch a little sleep. The chief of Haura proved most unfriendly. He would not send us any food, and set a guard over us. Fortunately we had a few biscuits with us, but this was practically all we had for the week we were stranded in the desert.

We were absolutely in the power of the Arabs, and to have attempted a show of force would have been fatal. Every now and again the Arabs fired pot shots at us for amusement, but never hit us, although they struck one tree under which we sat. After five anxious days had passed the chief of Haura sent us a final letter declining to let us go and to re-open negotiations. The chief now demanded all our money, in return for which he would provide us with an escort and camels. Keeping only a few dollars we handed over the money, and in the evening twenty-seven camels arrived. Some shots were fired at us at intervals, but no damage was done. Having loaded our camels we started on our return to the coast.

The journey was terribly hot, and we were very weak, but we had to make forced marches, and only snatched three hours' sleep. We were absolutely done up when we eventually reached the coast at our original starting place. A show put in, and in two days took us to Aden.

PRINCESS ASKS FOR A LOAN. UNABLE TO LIVE ON HER PRESENT INCOME.

Princess Louise of Belgium, the daughter of King Leopold and the divorced wife of Prince Philip of Coburg, who has been in financial difficulties for some time, is making strenuous efforts to raise loans of money.

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| TJIMAH | JAVA | Second half of Nov. | SHANGHAI | Second half of Nov. |
| TJILATJAP | JAPAN | Second half of Nov. | JAVA | Second half of Nov. |
| TJILIWONG | JAPAN | First half of Dec. | JAVA | First half of Dec. |
| TJIKINI | JAVA | First half of Dec. | JAPAN | First half of Dec. |
| TJIPANAS | JAVA | Second half of Dec. | SHANGHAI | Second half of Dec. |
| TJIPODAS | JAVA | Second half of Dec. | JAPAN | Second half of Dec. |

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| FOR | STEAMERS | TONS (Gross reg.) | LEAVES |
|--|---------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| TACOMA via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA | "TACOMA MARU" | 6,178 | SATURDAY, 19th Dec., at Daylight. |

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| FOR | STEAMERS | LEAVES |
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| SHANGHAI via SWATOW, AMOY and FOCHOW | "CHOSHUN MARU" | THURSDAY, 11th Nov., at Daylight. |
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| STEAMERS to COLOMBO | Leave HONGKONG | Connecting Steamers from COLOMBO to MARSEILLES & LONDON | Due MARSEILLES (Brindisi 2 days earlier) | Due PENMOUTH (London 1 day later) |
|---------------------|----------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| STEAMER | TONS | STEAMER | TONS | |
| ARCADIA | 7000 | February 5 | MANITUA | 11000 |
| ASSAYE | 7500 | February 19 | CHINA | 8000 |
| DELTA | 8000 | March 5 | MALWA | 11000 |
| MACEDONIA | 10500 | March 19 | (Through Steamer calling at Bombay) | |
| DEYANHA | 8000 | April 2 | MONGOLIA | 10500 |
| ASSAYE | 8000 | April 16 | MARMORA | 10500 |
| DELTA | 7500 | April 30 | MOREA | 11000 |
| DELHI | 8000 | May 14 | MOOLTAN | 10000 |

Passengers change Steamers at COLOMBO, and those for BRINDISI transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at PORT SAID.

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2nd " £48.8 " £72.12 "

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| STEAMERS | Leave HONGKONG | Due LONDON |
|------------|------------------|------------|
| • SYRIA | January about 26 | March 12 |
| • SUMATRA | February 9 | March 26 |
| • NYANZA | February 23 | April 9 |
| • SUNDI | March 23 | May 7 |
| • MALTA | April 20 | June 3 |
| • SARDINIA | May 18 | June 18 |
| • NORA | May 28 | July 2 |

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The Assaye, with the French and English mails of the 8th and 15th ult., left Singapore on Saturday, the 6th inst., at 8.30 a.m., and may be expected here to-morrow, at noon. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 4th and 14th September, and the parcel mails closed in London for despatch by the all-sea route on the 8th ult., and for despatch overland on the 13th ultimo.

| FOR | PRE | DATE |
|--|------------|-----------------------------|
| Swatow, Port Darwin, Thursday, 10th, 9.00 a.m. | Hainan | Wednesday, 10th, 9.00 a.m. |
| Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Dunedin, Perth and Fremantle | Aldenhurst | Wednesday, 10th, 11.00 a.m. |
| Swatow, Amoy and Shanghai | Tientsin | Wednesday, 10th, 11.00 a.m. |
| Macao | Yokohama | Wednesday, 10th, 1.15 p.m. |
| Newchwang | Kobe | Wednesday, 10th, 3.00 p.m. |
| Tientsin and Hongkong | Yokohama | Wednesday, 10th, 3.00 p.m. |
| Amoy, Swatow and Hongkong | Tientsin | Wednesday, 10th, 4.00 p.m. |
| Swatow, Amoy, Fuzhou and Shanghai | Tientsin | Thursday, 11th, 5.00 a.m. |
| Haitai, Fakhai and Haiphong | Tientsin | Thursday, 11th, 9.00 a.m. |
| Wahai, Chetoo and Tientsin | Tientsin | Thursday, 11th, 10.00 a.m. |
| Singapore, Penang and Bombay | Tientsin | Thursday, 11th, 11.00 a.m. |
| Macao | Tientsin | Thursday, 11th, 1.15 p.m. |
| Shanghai | Tientsin | Thursday, 11th, 3.00 p.m. |
| Singapore, Penang and Calcutta | Tientsin | Friday, 12th, 1.00 p.m. |
| Cebu and Manila | Tientsin | Friday, 12th, 1.15 p.m. |
| Manila | Tientsin | Friday, 12th, 3.00 p.m. |

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SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 9th, 1909.

| STOCKS | NO. OF SHARES | VALUE | PAID UP | CLOSING QUOTATIONS |
|--|---------------|----------|----------|--------------------|
| BANKS. | | | | |
| Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation | 120,000 | \$125 | all | \$995, sellers |
| National Bank of China, Limited | 99,925 | 27 | 26 | \$65. |
| Bank of Communications, Limited | 8,604 | 12/6 | 12/6 | \$10, buyers |
| China Bank, Limited | 60,000 | \$12 | \$12 | \$12, sellers |
| China Light and Power Company, Limited | 50,000 | \$10 | \$10 | \$6, sales |
| China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd. | 200,000 | \$10 | \$10 | \$9.50, sales |
| COTTON MILLS. | | | | |
| Woo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd. | 20,000 | Tls. 60 | Tls. 50 | Tls. 149. |
| Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd. | 125,000 | \$10 | \$10 | \$6, sellers |
| International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd. | 10,000 | Tls. 75 | Tls. 75 | Tls. 91. |
| Loan-Kang-Mow & Spun & Weav. Co., Ltd. | 8,000 | Tls. 100 | Tls. 100 | Tls. 111. |
| Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited | 2,000 | Tls. 500 | Tls. 500 | Tls. 460. |
| DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LIMITED. | 40,000 | \$75 | \$6 | \$162, sellers |
| DOCK AND WHARVES. | | | | |
| Hongkong & Wharves & G. Co., Ltd. | 60,000 | \$50 | all | \$53, sellers |
| Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. | 50,000 | \$50 | all | \$53, sales |
| New Amoy Dock Co., Limited | 10,000 | \$62 | \$62 | \$62, buyers |
| Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd. | 55,700 | Tls. 100 | Tls. 100 | Tls. 77. |
| Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd. | 36,000 | Tls. 100 | Tls. 100 | Tls. 138. |
| KEWICK & CO., LIMITED. | 18,000 | \$25 | \$25 | \$11, sellers |
| GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED. | 400,000 | \$10 | \$10 | \$74, sellers |
| Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited | 7,000 | \$10 | all | \$10, buyers |
| Hongkong Electric Co., Limited | 60,000 | \$10 | \$10 | \$20, sellers |
| Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited | 12,000 | \$50 | \$50 | \$76, buyers |
| Hongkong Ice Company, Limited | 8,000 | \$25 | \$25 | \$18, buyers |
| Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited | 60,000 | \$10 | all | \$23, sellers |
| INSURANCES. | | | | |
| Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited | 10,000 | \$250 | \$50 | \$162, sellers |
| China Fire Insurance Co., Limited | 20,000 | \$100 | \$20 | \$118, sellers |
| China Trade Insurance Co., Limited | 20,000 | \$53.33 | \$25 | \$92, buyers |
| Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited | 8,000 | \$250 | \$50 | \$375. |
| North-China Insurance Co., Limited | 10,000 | \$15 | \$5 | Tls. 105. |
| Union Insurance Society, Limited | 12,400 | \$250 | \$100 | \$247, sellers |
| Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited | 12,000 | \$100 | \$60 | \$220. |
| LANDS AND BUILDINGS. | | | | |
| Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co., Ltd. | 50,000 | \$100 | \$100 | \$104, sales |
| Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co., Ltd. | 150,000 | \$10 | all | \$9, sellers |
| Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd. | 6,000 | \$50 | \$50 | \$30, sellers |
| Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited | 78,000 | Tls. 60 | Tls. 50 | Tls. 120. |
| West Point Building Co., Limited | 12,500 | \$50 | \$50 | \$44, buyers |
| MINING. | | | | |
| Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin | 16,000 | Fos. 250 | all | \$625, buyers |
| Ranch Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd. | 200,000 | \$1 | 18/10 | \$74, sellers |
| Peak Tramways Co., Limited | 25,000 | \$10 | all | \$134, sellers |
| Philippine Co., Limited | 50,000 | \$10 | \$10 | \$14, buyers |
| REFINERIES. | | | | |
| China Sugar Refining Co., Limited | 20,000 | \$100 | all | \$150, buyers |
| Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Limited | 7,000 | \$100 | all | \$20. |
| Robinson Piano Co., Limited | 4,000 | \$50 | \$50 | \$50, sellers |
| STEAMSHIP COMPANIES. | | | | |
| China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd. | 30,000 | \$25 | \$25 | \$84, sellers |
| Douglas Steamship Co., Limited | 20,000 | \$50 | \$15 | \$30, sellers |
| Hongkong and Macao S.S. Co., Ltd. | 80,000 | \$15 | \$15 | \$34, buyers |
| Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. | 60,000 pref. | \$5 | all | \$19, buyers |
| Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited | 2,000,000 | \$1 | \$1 | \$1, buyers |
| Star Ferry Company, Limited | 10,000 | \$10 | \$5 | \$14, sellers |
| South China Morning Post, Limited | 6,000 | \$25 | \$25 | \$23, buyers |
| Steam Laundry Company, Limited | 20,000 | \$5 | \$5 | \$54, sellers |
| STORES AND DISPENSARIES. | | | | |
| Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited | 1,200 | \$10 | all | \$12, sellers |
| Wm. Powell, Limited | 15,000 | \$7 | \$7 | \$33, sellers |
| Watkins, Limited | 10,000 | \$10 | \$10 | \$5, sellers |
| A. S. Watson & Co., Limited | 90,000 | \$10 | \$10 | \$100, sellers |
| Weissmann, Limited | 175 | \$100 | \$100 | \$150. |
| United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited | 9,900 only | \$10 | \$4 | \$12, sellers |
| Union Waterboat Co., Limited | 100 fiders | \$10 | \$10 | \$300. |
| | 50,000 | \$10 | \$10 | \$104, sellers |
| RUBBERS. | | | | |
| Balgownie | — | — | — | \$69 (Sta.) |
| Peyong | — | — | — | \$24 (Sta.) |
| Raglan | — | — | — | \$29 (Sta.) |
| Anglo-Malaya | — | — | — | 367. |
| Castellfield, fully paid | — | — | — | 26-12-6 |
| Consolidated Malaya | — | — | — | 24-3-0 |
| Damansara | — | — | — | — |
| Highlands and Lowlands | — | — | — | 3/6, sellers |
| Kuala Lumpur | — | — | — | 24-10-0, nom. |
| Ledbury's | — | — | — | 26-6-0 |
| Linggis | — | — | — | 24/6 |
| Sapong | — | — | — | 23/ |
| Shelfords | — | — | — | 35/ |
| Sungei-Kapang | — | — | — | 23-15-0 |

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Per Phranang, from Bangkok, Lieut. M. Schelberg.

Per Hainan, from Swatow, Messrs Reader Harris, L. Thum and G. Koenig.

Per Chohun Maru, from Swatow, Messrs Delbourget, Res. Jose Romas, Clark and Broughton.

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